

# Puget Sound Park-and-Ride System Update

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## **Study Purpose & Acknowledgements**

The purpose of this study was to identify regional long-range park-and-ride lot needs in King, Kitsap, Pierce and Snohomish Counties. Long-range park-and-ride lot needs had been identified for the central Puget Sound region in the 1970s, leading to substantial investment by the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) and local transit agencies in the system of park-and-ride lots that exists today. But new and emerging park-and-ride lot needs have not been updated since that time – so few new park-and-ride lot projects have been funded more recently. The goal of this study was to develop corridor-level park-and-ride demand estimates for the year 2020, and to identify potential current and future park-and-ride lot investment needs within the four-county region that can be prioritized through the regional and state priority programming processes and through transit agency budget processes.

The study's demand estimates, forecasts, and list of recommendations was developed through a collaborative effort that included representatives from Community Transit, Everett Transit, King County Metro, Kitsap Transit, Pierce Transit, Sound Transit, Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC), Washington State Ferries, WSDOT Northwest and Olympic Regions, and the study's sponsor WSDOT Office of Urban Mobility (WSDOT OUM). Recommendations consist of generalized locations and cost estimates for park-and-ride lots by major commuter and transit "corridors" for each county. The recommendations are divided into three planning horizons: Short-Term (2000-2006), Mid-Range (2007-2015), and Long-Range (2016-2030).

The first step towards agreement on future regional park-and-ride lot needs was accomplished in October 2000 when WSDOT OUM, with the concurrence of the participating agencies, submitted the recommendations list to PSRC as "candidate" park-and-ride facilities in the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) Update. The recommendations list has also been submitted to the WSDOT's Washington Transportation Plan (WTP) and State Highway System Plan (SHSP) update processes. It is intended that the collaborative effort of this study will continue in later programming efforts to implement the study's recommendations and during future updates of this study.

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